

LAW OFFICES OF
SYNNESTVEDT & LECHNER LLP
2600 ARAMARK TOWER
1101 MARKET STREET
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19107-2950
TELEPHONE (215) 923-4466
FACSIMILE (215) 923-2189
E-MAIL synnlech@synnlech.com
www.synnlech.com

November 12, 2003

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

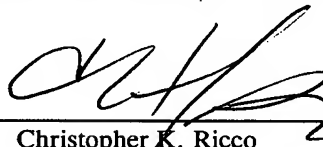
In re/ Application of Don J. Mahuran,
Joe T.R. Clarke, and John W. Callahan
Application No. Unassigned
Filed Herewith

Examiner:
Art Unit:

Attorney Docket No. P24,131-A USA

CERTIFICATE OF EXPRESS MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service as Express Mail Post Office to Addressee, Mailing Label No.EL977823158US, in an envelope addressed to Mail Stop Patent Application, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on November 12, 2003.



Christopher K. Ricco

Mail Stop Patent Application
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
SUBMITTED PRIOR TO FIRST EXAMINATION AND ACTION

Sir:

Before calculating the filing fee and commencing examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows.

Application No. Unassigned
Page 2

November 12, 2003

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 15 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 18 of this paper.